

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John R. Pepper  
Serial No.: 10/643,979  
For: HOLLOW GUIDE ROD  
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Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
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Customer No.: 27623



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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2006, the time for response having been extended by one month to and including July 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8.